established only in the Panna district of Madhya Pradesh. Exploration for the host rocks for diamond is in progress in Chattarpur district of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The quantity of diamonds likely to be found in these districts cannot be assessed at this stage.

(d) Geological Survey of India is carrying out ground evaluation of aerogeophysical data to locate the source rocks for diamonds in some districts of Madhya Pradesh. M/s Rio Tinto Exploration India Pvt. Ltd. is carrying out exploration for diamond against a prospecting license in Chattarpur district.

Representation of religious minorities in police and para-military forces

2963. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any demand from the National Commission for Minorities for fair representation of religious minorities in the police and para-military forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken thereon and by when that decision would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The National Commission for Minorities has, in some of its Annual Reports, made recommendations regarding the representation of the minority communities in police and para-military forces.

Annual Reports of the Commission, containing such recommendations, for the years 1997-1998, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, alongwith the Action Taken Memorandum on the recommendations contained therein, have been Tabled in the Rajya Sabha on 11th and 18th December, 2006.

Unemployment rate among the Christians

2964. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Christians have highest unemployment percentage in India in comparison with other communities;

(b) the unemployment rate among the Christians in Central India;

(c) whether Government have any plan to offer special measures to generate employment among the tribal Christians in the States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan, and

(d) if so, the details of the projects Government propose to take up during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) As per Report No. 521 of the National Sample Survey (NSS) 61st round, the unemployment rate among Christians was higher as compared to that among the Hindus or the Muslims. The details are available on the web site www.mospi.gov.in of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation.

(c) and (d) Under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP), a total of 80 districts covered are in these six States.

Besides, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities envisages earmarking of 15% of outlay for minorities, including